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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1974

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING ARE KING'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESPONSES TO
QUESTIONS AT TODAY'S BRIEFING:

1. MIDDLE EAST -- ANNOUNCED SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP.
SAID GENEVA STOPOVER NOT NOW PLANNED.

2. NEW YORK TIMES ACCOUNT OF EILTS CABLE -- STATED DO NOT
AS MATTER OF PRACTICE ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS OF CONFIDENTIAL
CABLES BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY. NEITHER CONFIRMED
NOR DENIED EXISTENCE OF CABLE.

EXPRESSED UNAWARENESS WHETHER DEPARTMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN
SPECIAL INQUIRY INTO LEAKS OF CABLES TO TIMES, BUT SAID
MATTER TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY DEPARTMENT.

3. SANTO DOMINGO KIDNAPPING -- LITTLE NEW TO REPORT AS
SITUATION CONTINUES BASICALLY UNCHANGED FROM WEEKEND.
STATED US IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH DOMREP AUTHORITIES WHO ARE
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HANDLING EFFORT TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF MS. HUTCHISON AND

OTHERS. STATED US NOT CONSIDERING PAYING ANY RANSOM.

4. INCIDENT IN SAIGON -- NOTED SOUTH VIETNAMESE
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS EXPRESSED REGRETS TO CBS CORRESPOND-
ENT HANEY HOWELL FOR INCIDENT.

5. TOOK QUESTIONS ON FOOD AID TO INDIA AND KOREAN
FONMIN KIM'S DISCUSSIONS IN DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY.

6. ANNOUNCED AMB. SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK'S MEETING WITH
PRESS 3 P.M. TODAY.

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